

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

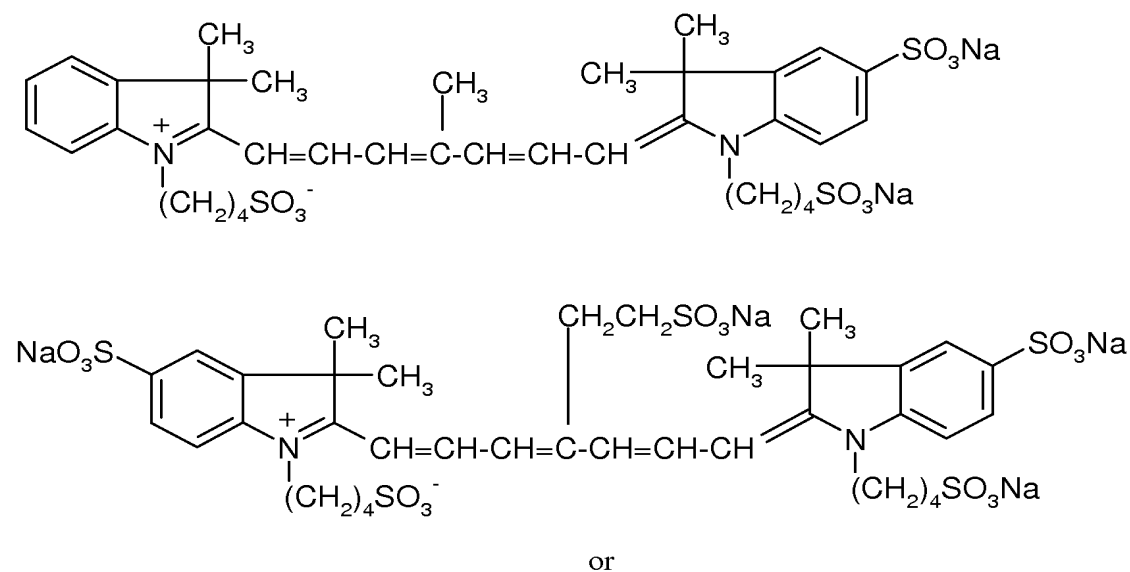
Claims 1-30 (Canceled)

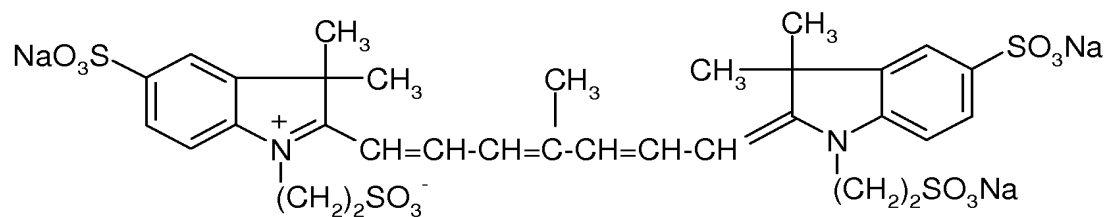
31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 51, wherein the compound is introduced into the living body in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 46, wherein the compound is introduced into the living body in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

33-45. (Canceled)

46. (Previously Presented) A method of near infrared fluorescence imaging comprising introducing a compound of the formula



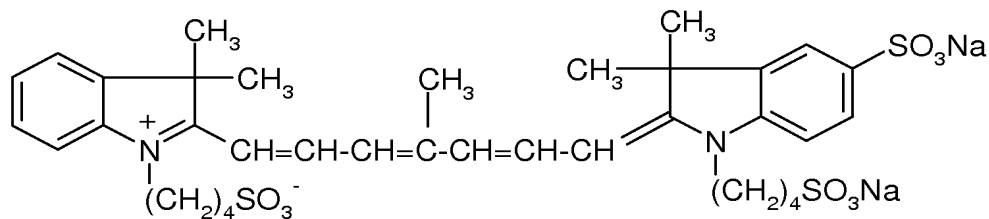


into a living body, exposing the body to excitation radiation, and detecting near infrared fluorescence from said compound.

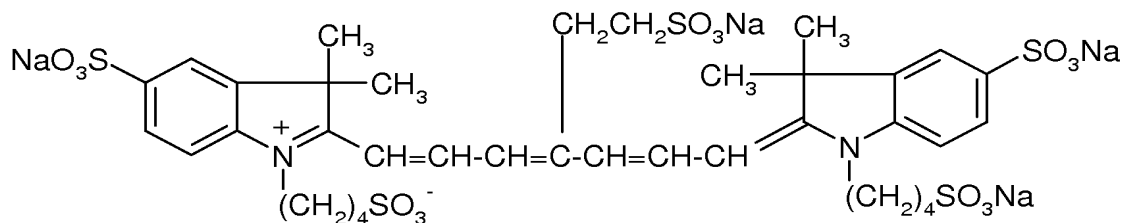
47. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 46 for angiography.

48. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 46 for tumor imaging.

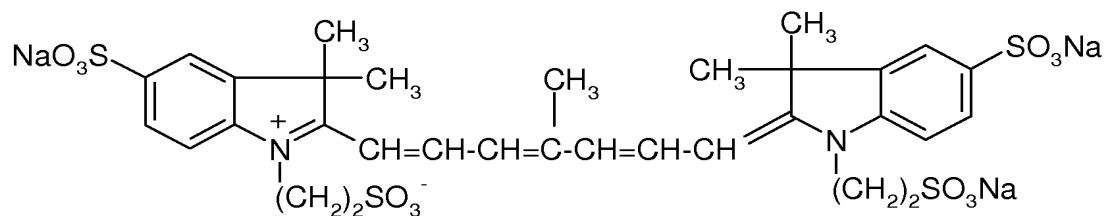
49. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 46, wherein the following compound is introduced into a living body



50. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 46, wherein the following compound is introduced into a living body



51. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 46, wherein the following compound is introduced into a living body



52. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 51 for angiography.
53. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 51 for tumor imaging.
54. (New) A method of claim 52 wherein the living body is a human.
55. (New) A method of claim 46 wherein the living body is a human.
56. (New) A method of claim 51 wherein the living body is a human.